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MORGAN-SULLIVAN BRIDGE

State will pay \$1.5M to finish bridge faster

By Shelby Macri
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Northern Construction will receive a \$1.5 million incentive payment if it finishes work on the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge 10 months ahead of schedule.

The accelerated timeline would see the replacement of the 1946 bridge complete by Aug. 9, 2021, rather than the original projected end date of May 21, 2022. The state agreed to the additional payment, above the original \$21.5 million budget, after Agawam and West Springfield mayors spent the past year lobbying for it.

"I'm working with the governor's office to push this through, they don't usually do this. I've been working with the mayor of West Springfield, William Reichelt, and we've been petitioning these offices in order to convince them of the need to fix the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge," said Agawam

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Traffic backs up Tuesday afternoon at Main, Springfield and Suffield streets, on the Agawam side of the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge.

PHOTO BY SHELBY MACRI

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Dispensary at rotary is delayed, but still to open

By Peter Spotts
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Last month's City Council vote to ban recreational marijuana businesses in town has not halted plans for a medical dispensary near the South End Bridge, though it will delay the project.

Investor Sam Hanmer said that if recreational retail facilities had been approved in town, Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Center Inc. would have already started renovating its future home at 584 Meadow Street Ext., with about a six-month time frame for completion. The dispensary

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Redistricting panel gets to work on 2021 vision

By Mike Lydick
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A committee appointed last month to work with administrators on school redistricting held its first meeting this week.

Agawam school officials say they'll have to redraw the elementary school boundaries for the first time in 20 years to balance enrollments across the four

schools, and to accommodate preschoolers when the Early Childhood Center at Perry Lane closes. Officials hope to have the new plan implemented by September 2021.

Superintendent of Schools Steve Lemanski acknowledged at Monday's steering committee meeting that because of shifts

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The schools' 18-member Redistricting Steering Committee held its first meeting this week. PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

SENIOR CENTER

Generator fix an emergency need

By Shelby Macri
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Agawam's Senior Center will rely on private donations to help replace its emergency generator, after problems emerged late last year with the current one.

"The previous generator had repairs beyond fixing" said Brian Pagella, the town's building maintenance director. "It would cost more money to try and fix it then it would be to just buy a new one."

To fit this new expense into a town budget set last June, the Friends of the Senior Center, a nonprofit group, will provide half of the \$50,000 cost.

"It [the generator] wasn't included in the town budget, because it wasn't expected," said town Procurement Officer Jennifer Bonfiglio. "We weren't aware of the generator's costs or damages. They were found after the budget was set for this year."



A combination of public funds and private donations will replace the emergency generator below the front entrance of the Agawam Senior Center. PHOTO BY SHELBY MACRI

The lowest bidder was Collins Electric, with a bid of \$42,037. The town signed a contract with Collins on Jan. 7.

The new generator will be a similar style to the current one, Pagella said: a Kohler 100-kilowatt natural gas generator. Pa-

gella said he hopes the new generator can be installed soon as weather permits it.

The generator is used strictly for emergencies, because the Senior Center is the primary

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Small business marketing workshop in town this Friday

Market Mentors — the region’s largest marketing, advertising and public relations agency — is partnering with the Employers Association of the NorthEast to present “Branding Your Small Business in 2020” on Friday, Jan. 17, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The free breakfast briefing will be held at EANE, 67 Hunt St., No. 6, Agawam.

Presenters Amanda Moyer, director of account services at Market Mentors; Noelle Meade, client relationship manager at Market Mentors; and Allison Ebner, membership relations, EANE, will provide a dynamic, interactive discussion about how business owners can get their companies moving in the right direction in 2020, from internal employee communication tips to identifying core values, mission and opportunities.

Topics will include:

- What’s your “special sauce?” — defining your brand
 - Creative marketing ideas for small businesses — including social media, advertising, video and public relations
 - Turning your employees into brand ambassadors — using communications, training and empowerment
- “Most small businesses don’t have in-house marketing expertise and find themselves spinning their wheels when it comes to building and promoting their brand,” said Moyer. “We’re excited to show them some of their options and how they can bring more focus and clarity to their efforts in the new year.”

The breakfast briefing is offered free of charge, but registration is required by Jan. 16 by calling 877-662-6444 or registering online at eane.org.

Learn about buying, selling homes Jan. 23

The Agawam Senior Center will host a workshop next week titled “The Smart Way to Buy or Sell a Home — and Save Thousands of Dollars!”

Walk-ins are welcome at the seminar, at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Senior Center at 954 Main St., Agawam. Attendees will learn:

- How to determine the value of their home

- Pros and cons of “for sale by owner”
 - How a using a real estate agent costs money — and saves money
 - The importance of a buyer’s agent
 - Six critical steps of selling and buying
 - The importance of one’s credit report
- Seats may also be reserved. To sign up, call Kristina at 413-821-0604.

Free rock concert to help Wounded Warrior Project

All music fans are invited to a free concert next Friday featuring a live performance by Rust.

The band will play the hits of the 1950s through ’80s starting at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at American Legion

Post 185, “The Tank,” 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

A raffle will be held to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that aids injured veterans of the Armed Forces.

K of C to sponsor winter parish picnic at St. John

St. John the Evangelist Church will host its Winter Picnic 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at 833 Main St., Agawam.

The Agawam Knights of Columbus will sponsor a raffle and a meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips,

salads, dessert and beverages. A free will offering will be taken.

Donations are being accepted for raffle prizes and desserts. For more information, call Bill Testicinni at 413-205-7082, or Jack Capuccilli at 413-222-5999.

Burn permits available from AFD

The Agawam Fire Department is currently accepting burning permit applications for the disposal of yard waste at www.agawam.ma.us/burning. The burning season began Jan. 15 and ends May 1.

The fee for a season-long permit remains \$10. Applications can be completed and paid online. There is an additional \$2.50 bank fee if payment is made by credit or debit card online and a 25-cent bank fee when using a check online. These fees may be avoided by paying with check or cash in person at Fire Department Headquarters, 800 Main St., Agawam, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Holding a permit does not guarantee the right to light an outdoor fire any given day. On especially dry or windy days, the Fire Department may ban outdoor burning. Permit holders must call the Fire Department at 413-786-2662 after 9:30 a.m. on the day of the fire to confirm that burning is allowed that day. No fires may be lit before 10 a.m.

Fires must be no closer to a building

than 75 feet, and must be put out before 4 p.m. The fire should always be monitored by an adult, with a water supply, shovels and rakes close at hand. The fire should be put out if it starts to get out of control, begins to negatively impact a neighbor’s air quality, or a dangerous weather condition develops, such as increased winds. Those who allow a fire to get out of hand may face fines or even jail.

The following are prohibited in outdoor fires:

- Any liquid fire starter, including gasoline, kerosene, etc.
- Trees larger than 4 inches in diameter
- Cane and driftwood from commercial land clearing operations
- Grass, hay, leaves or stumps
- Tires or other trash
- Construction material, lumber and debris

For more information regarding regulations and safety, visit www.agawam.ma.us/burning.

Credit unions collecting warm clothes, blankets all this month

All month, credit unions are participating in Gift of Warmth, the 10th annual new clothing and blanket drive to benefit the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

Branch offices such as Freedom Credit Union at 959 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, and Holyoke Credit

Union at 14 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will collect donations through the end of January. New blankets, warm clothing, hats, coats, gloves and scarves are welcome. This year, the drive is also accepting new pajamas for the first time. Since 2011, Massachusetts credit unions have donated

more than 7,200 blankets to those in need throughout the state.

“Because of the Gift of Warmth, children across the state can wake up from a warm night’s sleep,” said Glenn Welch, president and CEO of Freedom Credit Union. “We’re pleased to collaborate with other local

area credit unions to assist the homeless population of Western Mass. We encourage you to stop by any of our branches and donate items that could improve someone’s life.”

The mission of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless is to eradicate homelessness in the state through several measures:

- Advocating for people experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness
- Developing and maintaining a network of members and supporters, and

providing technical assistance and coordination through policy committees

- Providing public education about the problem of homelessness and its solutions

Cold weather is a reminder that the warmth and comfort so many of us enjoy is hard to come by for others. No one knows that better than the homeless individuals who live on the streets, in the woods, under bridges or in their cars, trying to survive the most difficult of all seasons.

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This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who enjoys community journalism.

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- Proficiency in Associated Press style
- Management experience and/or experience managing content for a print publication.

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Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the *Ware River News*, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the *Quaboag Current*, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree. This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them.

The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Enthusiasm for community journalism
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced environment

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Cultural Council meeting scheduled next Tuesday

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. The meeting is open to the public. There is no cost to join or serve.

Anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town should consider joining the Cultural Council. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor

and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.

The Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities. For more information, visit www.agawamcc.org.



From left, American Legion Auxiliary members Darcie Calise, Elizabeth Melchiori, Kelly Horton, Marilyn LaBranch and Jackie Ganner present their donation to David Sweeney, kitchen assistant, and Anthony Wilson, assistant director, Soldier On. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Auxiliary donates to Soldier On

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, the American Legion Auxiliary in Agawam presented the Soldier On facility in town with collections of non-perishables and clothing that collected at Post 185 in Agawam from November 2019 through Jan. 7, 2020.

The Auxiliary thanked all who contributed to this collection. The veterans that reside at Soldier On deserve the commu-

nity's help as a way of saying thank-you for their service.

Wilson-Thompson American Legion Auxiliary 185 is continuing to collect non-perishable food items for donation to another local organization. All are invited to add to the collection at the Legion post at 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Tasting event next week to raise funds for Jimmy Fund

Thirty of the Pioneer Valley's top restaurants will participate in Chefs for Jimmy this month to raise funds for cancer research and care.

For an admission fee of \$100, diners can take a tasting tour of as many restaurants as they like during the event, which runs 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. All proceeds go to the Jimmy Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

This year's theme is "One Night of Peace, Love and Food." In addition to the food samples, the event will also feature a silent auction and "an opportunity drawing."

Tickets may be purchased at www.jimmyfund.org/events/cancer-fundraising-events/chefs-for-jimmy. Since 1990, this annual event has raised more than \$1.8 million for the Jimmy Fund.

"We didn't think twice about joining Chefs for Jimmy," said Andy Yee, a Springfield restaurateur and member of the Jimmy Fund Committee. "We can't wait to prepare our special dishes for everyone to try, and it's a great night to socialize and enjoy the area's most delicious fare. Cancer research and treatment that is near

and dear to our hearts. Please help us raise money for the Jimmy Fund. Stop by our table to try some delicious fare from The Student Prince and The Fort Restaurant!"

Other participating restaurants include 350 Grill, Burgundy Brook Café, Cerrato's Pastry Shop, Chez Josef, Dana's Main Street Tavern, Delaney's Grill and The Mick, Elegant Affairs, Fazio's Ristorante, Johnny's Tavern, Leone's Restaurant, Longmeadow Country Club, Max's Tavern, Murphy's Pub, Nadim's Downtown, Nina's Cookies, Nosh Restaurant & Café, On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, Pierce Brothers Coffee Roasters, Pintu's Indian Restaurant, Rondeau's Dairy Bar, Shortstop Bar & Grill, Steaming Tender, Storowtown Tavern Restaurant & Carriage House, Tekoa Country Club, Chandler Steakhouse, the Starting Gate at GreatHorse, Tokyo Asian Cuisine, and Tucker's Restaurant.

Chefs for Jimmy is presented by Winer Levsky Group of UBS Financial Services Inc. and hosted by the Jimmy Fund Council of Western Massachusetts in memory of Neal Webber and Stan Winer.

Former hockey goalie, Falcons executive to sign memoirs

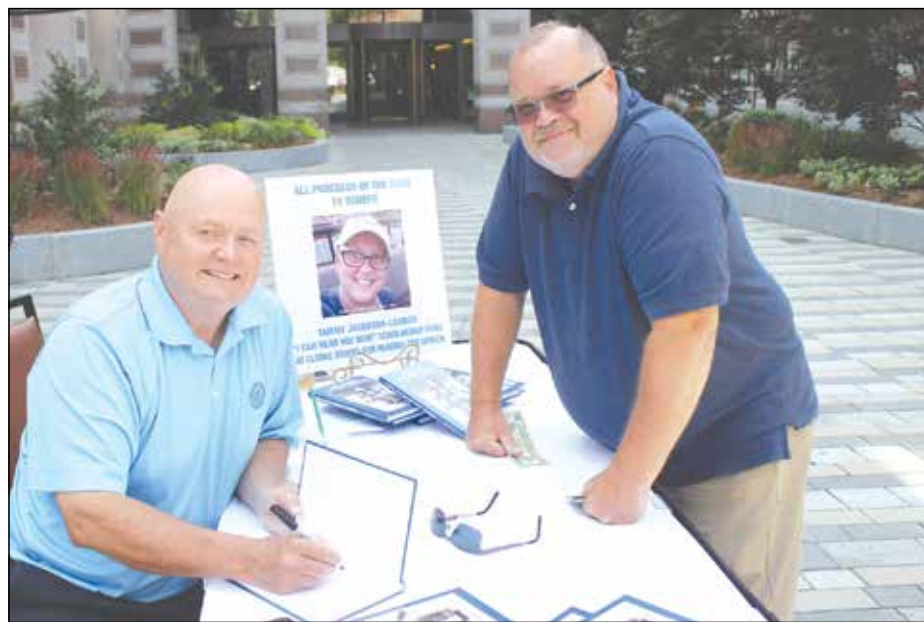
Bruce Landon, a retired professional ice hockey goaltender who was the longtime part-owner, president and general manager of the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League, will sell and sign copies of his memoir "The Puck Stops Here — My (Not So) Minor League Life" at an event at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Landon's book is the inside story of his long and colorful hockey career. "The Puck Stops Here" is dedicated to the memory of Landon's daughter, Tammy Jacobson-Landon, who encouraged him to write the book, and who died of cancer in February 2019 at the age of 43.

Landon explains, "One sunny afternoon in May of 2017, shortly after I had retired, Tammy and I had a long and deep conversation and I shared stories with her that she had not heard. 'Dad, you have to start writing this stuff down,' she said. It was with her gentle prodding, and her ability to instill confidence in me, that I simply started writing, with no idea where it would take me."

Tammy was diagnosed with a very rare cancer on May 11, 2018. Landon put the book on hold. A month after Tammy's first chemotherapy treatment, as Bruce tried to comfort her, she said, "Dad, just promise me that you will finish the book."

"When Tammy was nearing her final hours, I reached over and gave her a kiss



Bruce Landon, left, signs a book for Drew Griffin of Agawam at a September event in Springfield.

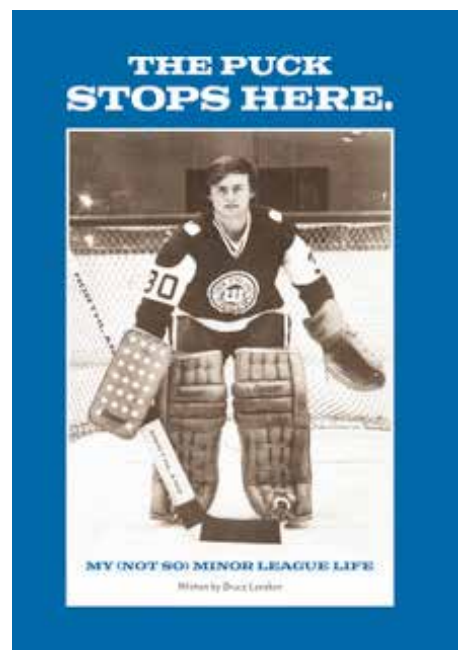
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on the forehead, and said, 'Tam, your dad finished the book.' She looked at me with a little smile on her beautiful face. This is that book. It is a promise kept. It is also the opportunity for readers to share our lives and Tammy's vision, which was the driving force in bringing it to fruition. The Landon family hopes you enjoy it, and we appreciate the time you'll invest to be part of our

lives and that vision."

All proceeds from book sales will go to the Tammy Jacobson-Landon "I Can Hear You Now" Scholarship Fund at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech.

"The Puck Stops Here" may be purchased at the signing event, at the Springfield Thunderbirds team store during home games; Steve's Sports on Front Street in



West Springfield; or by contacting Bruce Landon at nlandon30@gmail.com or 413-433-4625. The purchase price is \$19.95, including taxes; with shipping, \$24.

For more information about the book signing event, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Women to Watch plans luncheon Wednesday

EAST LONGMEADOW — The Western Massachusetts Chapter of Women to Watch USA will hold its "First Month" luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 22. The event will be held at the Center Square Grill in East Longmeadow from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This month's speaker is Michele Lyman, a yoga instructor and owner and director of Serenity Yoga. Lyman is known for her enthusiasm, outgoing personality and unconditional love for the Serenity Yoga community. She has been practicing yoga since 2000 and became an instructor in 2003. An alumna of Babson College in Boston, she received her bache-

lor's degree in finance and economics and her master's degree in accounting and entrepreneurship. She spent 18 years focused on climbing the corporate ladder, making a name for herself in the finance industry before opening her business.

A representative from Dress for Success will also attend the luncheon. Members and guests are asked to bring any gently worn business attire for the collection to assist women in need.

There will be raffle gifts and giveaways. The proceeds from the raffle support the Women to Watch scholarship fund, which helps fund continuing education for women in West-

ern Massachusetts.

New board members and new WTWUSA-Western Massachusetts members will also be introduced, and there will be time for social networking. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$25 for members, \$30 for

non-members. There will be two choices for lunch, along with a vegan choice. To register for this event, search for it on Eventbrite.com or contact Michelle Caron at mcaron2012@gmail.com.

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Schools & Youth

Zines on scene



Agawam Public Library patrons can pick up “zines” — homemade magazines — produced by Agawam Junior High School eighth graders as part of a financial literacy project in 2019. Students modeled a personal budget using true-to-life figures for wages, credit ratings, the cost of housing, food, utilities and other expenses. Their findings are reported in the zines. The cost of producing the free publications was raised through donations from local businesses. The financial literacy program was profiled in an article in the Dec. 12, 2019, Agawam Advertiser News. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BALLWAY

Little League signups start this month

Agawam Little League Baseball and Softball will hold its in-person signups Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

Additional signup dates are Feb. 8 and Feb. 29, also 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. Signups are also being taken at www.agawamlittleleague.com.

Baseball players aged 4 to 16, and softball players aged 6-14, are eligible to play. New players and softball players are strongly recommended to register in person and bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Player evaluations will be March 7 for baseball and March 10-11 for softball. Games begin in April.

Opening Day is Saturday, April 25.

The Little League is looking for volunteers to help with this event. For more information or to volunteer, contact Justin Lentes at 413-478-5541 or justinlentes@gmail.com.

For more information about Agawam Little League, contact league President A.J. Christopher at 413-575-0055 or ajchristopher2@gmail.com.

Lacrosse signup deadline next week

Registration deadlines are approaching for this year's Agawam Parks and Recreation Department youth lacrosse teams.

The brochure for winter Park and Rec programs is available at www.agawam.ma.us/255/Parks-Recreation. Registrations are being taken both in person during business hours at the Municipal Annex, 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, and online at www.agawam.ma.us/256/Online-Recreation-Registration.

Online and in-person registration runs through Jan. 20; late registrations, Jan. 21-31, must be done in person. Fees for late registrations are increased by \$25. No registrations will be accepted after Jan. 31. Players must play in the division that corresponds with their current grade level: 1-2, mites; 3-4, bantam; 5-6, junior; and 7-8, senior.

Boys lacrosse players must provide their own helmet (no hockey helmets), mouth guard, shoulder pads, arm pads, gloves, stick and cup. Practices start in April. The cost is \$50 for returning mites and bantams with their 2018-19 uniform (\$90 for new players or those who need a new uniform), \$150 for returning juniors and seniors with their 2018-19 uniform (\$190 for new players or those who need a new uniform). All players and parents must attend a mandatory meeting on Feb. 12.

Girls lacrosse divisions and registration schedule are the same as in boys lacrosse. Players must provide their own stick, mouth guard and eyewear. The cost is \$90 for mites and bantams, \$150 for juniors and seniors. Fees increase by \$25 for late registrations. The mandatory player and parent meeting is Feb. 11. At that time, all registered players will be invited to participate in a preseason program at an additional fee.

The Parks and Rec office is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office will be closed Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For more information, call 413-821-0513.

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School Lunch

All lunches served with fresh and chilled fruit. Instead of the main entrée, students can substitute a deluxe salad or the sandwich of the day.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

High schoolers can also substitute a pizza meal for their entrée.

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day — no school.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Chicken and waffles with syrup, hash browns, assorted muffins; or grilled cheese and tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, tater tots.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Chicken fillet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato, cheese, side of coleslaw.

Thursday, Jan. 23: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing; or pasta with meatballs, garlic knot, seasoned vegetables.

Friday, Jan. 24: Spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries, seasoned carrots; or chicken parmesan grinder, celery sticks with ranch, potato wedges.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day — no school.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: French toast sticks, turkey sausage, hashbrown potato.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Pasta with meatballs,

garlic knot, broccoli.

Thursday, Jan. 23: Mini-cornedogs, French fries, seasoned carrots.

Friday, Jan. 24: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, cookie.

ROBERTA DOERING SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day — no school.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: French toast sticks, sausage, hashbrown potato.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Pasta with meat sauce, garlic knot, broccoli.

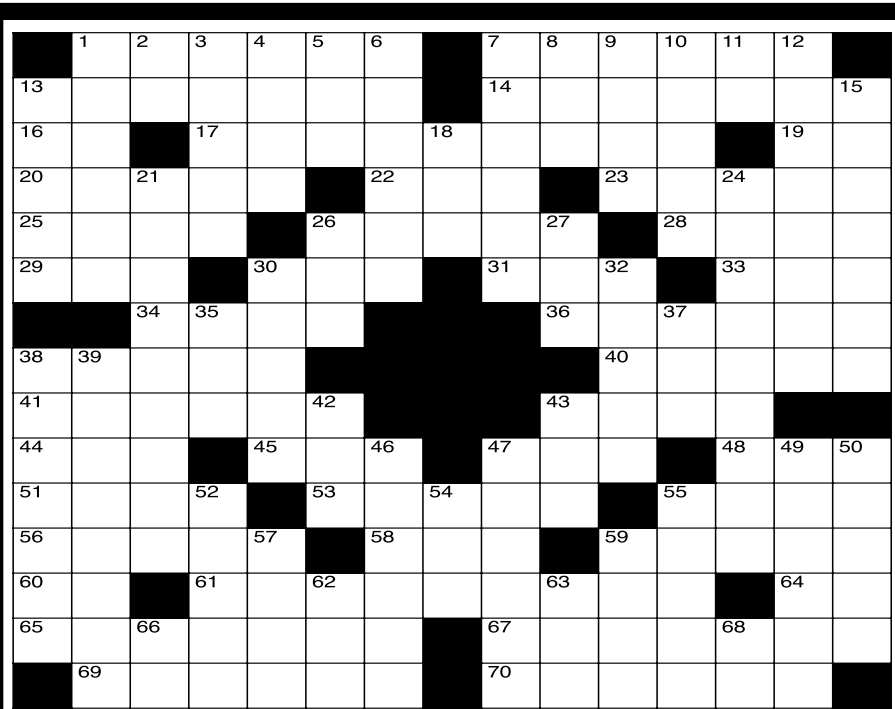
Thursday, Jan. 23: Chicken patty on a bun, Doritos, chickpea salad.

Friday, Jan. 24: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, cookie.

BREAKFAST

The daily breakfast entrée menu was not available at press time. All breakfasts include assorted cold cereal, muffins and pastries, cheese sticks, fresh fruit and orange juice.

Serving times: High school, 7 a.m.; junior high, 7:15 a.m.; Granger, 7:55 a.m.; Doering, 8:10 a.m.; Phelps, 8:20 a.m.; Robinson Park, 8:30 a.m.; Clark, 8:35 a.m.



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- 25. Ancient Olympic Site
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Popular flower
- 29. Shared services center
- 30. Drain
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- 33. Urban Transit Authority
- 34. Spiritual leader
- 36. Postponed
- 38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
- 40. Gazes unpleasantly

- 41. Gets up
- 43. Capital of Ukraine
- 44. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 45. Golf score
- 47. Superhigh frequency
- 48. Swiss river
- 51. Felons
- 53. Succulent plants
- 55. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 56. Deliberately setting fire to
- 58. Infamous singer Zadora
- 59. Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman
- 60. Influential sports mag
- 61. Aromatic Mediterranean plant
- 64. Sixth note of a major scale
- 65. Unit of explosive power
- 67. Large watertight chamber
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- 3. Anchor ropes
- 4. Large Middle Eastern country
- 5. To make a mistake
- 6. Ancient governor
- 7. Extends
- 8. Chinese surname
- 9. NYC subway "residents"
- 10. Essential oil used as perfume
- 11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)
- 12. Session
- 13. Units of land areas
- 15. Goes over once more
- 18. Where wrestlers work
- 21. Italian islanders
- 24. Avenue
- 26. __ Adams, U.S. President
- 27. Rest with legs bent
- 30. Type of flour
- 32. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 35. More (Spanish)
- 37. Stinging, winged insect
- 38. The use of irony to mock
- 39. Arsenal
- 42. Pouch
- 43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. Restrict
- 49. Something comparable to another
- 50. Punishment device made from stems
- 52. Soul and calypso songs
- 54. Formerly OSS
- 55. Athabaskan language
- 57. ___ bene: observe carefully
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Read-only memory
- 63. Chinese philosophical principle
- 66. American conglomerate
- 68. Tin

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emergency shelter in town. It housed many town residents and seniors during the 2011 October snow storm, when residents went without power for many days. It also serves as a cooling shelter on exceptionally hot summer days, for those with no air conditioning. Because it is not used every day, the Senior Center will carry on with its usual programs during the installation process.

"There would be no direct impact to the Senior Center," said Senior Center Director Michael Squindo. "Depending on exactly how they need to get the next one in and get this one out, we may have to re-route some traffic."

The Friends of the Senior Center are raising funds to make up for the \$25,000

they will spend on the generator. Squindo encouraged Senior Center supporters to donate to the Friends, and their Ada Mahoney endowment.

"The Ada Mahoney endowment was set up in such a way that if there was maintenance issues in the building, I could use that [money], instead of having to depend on the tax budget," Squindo said. "My goal is to be able to say, when the repairs are needed let me start with the endowment money and keep the tax budget reduced on the maintenance end of things."

The endowment is set up to receive donations and hold them in an account for when they are needed. To donate to the Friends, send a check to Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.



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Schools & Youth

CAMPUS NOTES

American International College: Several local students were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at American International College in Springfield. On the list were Jason Beaver, Katelynn Gordner, Lindsay Hartmann, Philip Lafontaine, Jessica Lingenberg, Alessio Papallo and John Viens of Agawam, and Cherise Antoine, Tommaso Decaro, Madison Dube, Angela Giberson, Max Langford and Joseph Oliver of Feeding Hills.

Assumption College: Grace Rinaldi of Agawam has been elected to the Student Government Association at Assumption College in Worcester, and is serving as a senator for the Class of 2022 during the 2019-20 academic year.

Eastern Conn. State: Jacob Sweeney of Agawam enrolled this fall at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic. He will major in business administration.

Goodwin College: Lauren Bussiere and Amanda Shea of Agawam, and Benjamin Bobianski and Madeline Heelon of Feeding Hills, were named to the the summer 2019 dean's list at Goodwin College in East Hartford, Conn.

Holyoke Community College: Several local students were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Holyoke Community College. Dean's list students from Agawam were Aviella Abramchuk, Brian Bugli, Ecaterina Bunsanschii, Samantha Lynn Butt, MaryEllen Conway, Alexander Nick Denisenko, Mary Lynn Diaz, Ebru Dogan, Samantha Taylor Fett, Karolina Gurulyova, Sooji Ham, Emily Isabella Jabry, Marissa Ann Mansfield, Sharon Liz Medina, Lilia Midrigan, Nathan Gerald Mitchell, Brandon Moore, Zeliahna Athaly Pica, Jillian Smith, Emily Taylor, Laura Lacy Teakell, Jimmy Truong Tran, Jessica Ann Trinkle, Alina Yovenko and Jacqueline Kristina Zabik. Honorees from Feeding Hills were Sherrice Christina Colburn, Joshua Cook, Jason Edward Couture, Alyson Christine Crochetiere, Patrick John Donahue,

Ryan Graham, Briahna-Mary Hersom, Alexa Elizabeth Janicki, Trysten Lajoie, Cameron Dennis Lebeau, Magdalena Maliszewska, Thomas Michael Parent, Alexis Marie Parks, Joselyn Delia Rivera, Ethan Hunter Rivera, Kierman D. Shannon, Evan Keenan Shannon, Hannah Nicole Siefken, Alexandria Taylor, Ashley Ugolini and Nathan Gary Welch.

Lasell University: Nicholas Fenney and Jenna Grasso, both of Agawam, were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Lasell University in Newton. Grasso enrolled last fall and is majoring in elementary education.

STCC: Several local students were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Springfield Technical Community College. Dean's list students from Agawam were Andre Beauchane, Kyle Patrick Bousquet, Whitney R. Cass, Markus Chobotaru, Alexandra Mary Cichetti, Cassondra Anne Cooley, Patrick Charles Drake, Adam Drucker, Allyson Brittan Dubiel, Thomas Christopher Fairlie, Kathryn Nicole Glaessner, Karli Taylor James, Miranda Kamukala, Tyler Scott Kelley, Oleksandra Kobylanska, Alexander Arthur Korniyenko Jr., Elizabeth Ann Lombardi, Veronika Lukin, Madison Nicole Moirano, Ifrah Mumin, Domenic Pellegri no, Taylor Marie Richards, Kathryn Smigielski, Anna Tryphena Tanner, Brandon John Whitehead, Olga Yovenko, Rebecca L. Zavala, Anna Zgerya, Gloria Zgherea and Andrey R. Zhirnov. Dean's list students from Feeding Hills were Anthony M. Anton, Kelsey Kathleen Becker, Alina Bubuz, Inna Alexandra Burlachenko, Derek Davis, Gennaro A. Ferrentino, Brenda T. Forsell, Deon Goines Jr., Philip Gorman, Chauncey Hammond, Abigail R. Heinemann, Christina Marie Jagodowski, Richard Henry Jagodowski, Pamela A. Maynard, Julia N. Potter, Tyler James Richardson, Jonathan Frank Russo, Jacqueline Marie Rybinski, Liam Patrick Sole, Amanda N. St Laurent and Justin Turell.

Tufts University: Adam Krafcik of Agawam enrolled this fall as a

member of the class of 2023 at Tufts University in Medford and Somerville.

UMass-Amherst: Jesse Smart of Feeding Hills received a bachelor's degree in the September 2019 graduation ceremony at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Western Governors University: Lindsey Gamble and Julie Racicot, both of Agawam, earned master of science in nursing degrees in 2019 from Western Governors University, an online school. Gamble's studies concentrated on leadership and management, BSN to MSN. Racicot concentrated on education, BSN to MSN.

WNEU: Several local students were named to the spring 2019 president's list and dean's list at Western New England University in Springfield. President's list students from Agawam were Emma Armfield, majoring in secondary education and math science; Tyler Budreau, business administration, general business; and Katherine Camire, business administration, accounting. President's list students from Feeding Hills were Laura Cafaro, communications and public relations; and Bradley Montanez, business administration, business analytics and information management. Dean's list students from Agawam were Alec Ardolino, computer science; Zachary Fiedler, pre-pharmacy; David Kondratiouk, pre-pharmacy; Tara Negrucci, law and society; Natalie Rauh, elementary education and English; and Courtney Shea, business administration, management and leadership. Feeding Hills students on the dean's list were Geoffrey Circosta, civil engineering; Nina Signorelli, law and society; and Max Vorobey, health sciences with a pre-physician' assistant concentration.

Campus Notes are compiled from school press releases and parent submissions. To share your student achievement news, ask your school's press office to send an email to aan@turley.com.

AHS COUNSELING BULLETIN

Special interest programs

On Jan. 25, the Mount Ida Campus of University of Massachusetts will host a Summer Pre-College Program Fair for high school students from 1 to 3 p.m. This event will feature many of the most highly rated pre-college programs in the United States. For questions, contact Sarah Craig at scraig@umass.edu.

UMass-Amherst has put together an exciting lineup of pre-college programs for the summer of 2020 at umass.edu/summer/programs/academic-programs. In addition to popular returning programs such as the McCormack Sport Leadership Academy, Summer Engineering Institute, Summer Design Academy, and many others, the following are new programs for 2020: Introduction to Programming in Processing; Foundations of Music Theory; Forensic Science: Crime Scene Investigation; Foundations of Data Science; Architectural & Landscape Watercolor Rendering; and Economics of Hunger. If you have questions about these programs, contact Ben Mitchell, Summer Programs Coordinator, at bmitchell@umass.edu.

Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the fall and spring semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. The spring 2020 courses for STCC are now posted at stcc.edu/explore/schedules/all-spring-2020.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.

Professional Women in Construction, Connecticut Chapter, will offer approximately 15 scholarships to students (male

or female) enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs in construction, construction management, interior design, architecture, landscape design, or civil, mechanical, structural, and electrical engineering. The application is available at pwcusa.org/chapters/about-connecticut/connecticut-scholarship/ and is due March 25.

The Agawam Soccer Association Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in ASA soccer as a player and/or other ASA soccer-related activity such as coaching or refereeing. A grade average of B or higher must be maintained. Applications are available in Naviance and are due before April 1.

The Agawam Soccer Association Sullivan Family Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in ASA soccer as a player and/or other ASA soccer-related activity such as coaching or refereeing. Applicants must have had a parent or close relative who participated in Agawam Soccer as a coach, assistant coach, board member, or tournament volunteer. A grade average of B or higher must be maintained. Applications are available in Naviance and are due before April 1.

The Agawam Soccer Association Christopher Knight Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in the ASA soccer program. Applications are available in Naviance and are due before April 1.

The Agawam Soccer Association Rich Parolo Scholarship application is now available. All applicants must be seniors who have participated in ASA soccer for at least four years, AHS soccer for at least two years, and participated in extra-curricular soccer-related activities such as coaching, assistant coaching or refereeing. A grade average of B or higher must be maintained. Applications are available in Naviance and are due before

April 1.

The Arthur J. Leary Scholarship will be presented to an Agawam resident who will be pursuing a degree in business management beginning the September after high school graduation. See Naviance for an application. Applications must be received by April 1.

Applications are now available for the William J. Miller Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Benjamin J. Phelps School PTO. Applicants must have attended Phelps School. Applications can be found in Naviance and are due April 3.

Seniors who attended the James Clark School (two-year minimum) are encouraged to apply for the James Clark PTO Scholarship. Applications are available in Naviance and are due April 3.

The Agawam Education Association 25 Week Club Scholarship will be awarded to a student whose parent is a member of the 25 Week Club. Students must submit a 500-word essay that describes their personal, educational and career goals. Applications are available in Naviance and are due Friday, April 10.

Applications for the Agawam Education Association David Theodorowicz Scholarship are now available in Naviance. Applicants must be ranked in the top 20 percent of the senior class and plan to continue their education at a four-year college or university. The deadline to apply is April 10.

The Agawam Youth Football Scholarship has a deadline of April 20. Applicants must attend Agawam High School and must have participated in youth football. Applications are posted in Naviance.

Agawam High School seniors who attended Granger School and plan to continue their education are eligible to apply for the Clifford M. Granger PTO Scholarship. Applications are available in Naviance and are due April 22.

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in population among Agawam neighborhoods over the past two decades, the schools should have been redistricted a few years ago, but until last spring administrators' focus was on finding a new location for the ECC. For the past 20 years, he said, preschoolers have attended an aging and inadequate ECC.

The town's unwillingness to fund a new ECC, and the looming need to redistrict grades K-4, created "the perfect storm" to deal with both issues simultaneously, Lemanski said. Instead of a new ECC building, preschool classes will move into the four elementary schools. By redrawing the map for equal student populations, all students from pre-kindergarten to grade 4 can be accommodated in the existing buildings.

The superintendent called it "an opportunity for Agawam schools to change and make a positive difference for our kids."

Lemanski told the steering committee — comprising parents and teachers from the ECC and elementary schools, as well as School Committee members and administrators — that they will be play an important role in the process.

"You're the team that will guide us by providing different options to look at, help create implementation timelines, and serve as a liaison to the community," Lemanski said.

He added that the more people in the community who understand the process, the better — especially families whose stu-

dents will be affected.

"This will be a tough process. Change is difficult," he said.

The superintendent said while K-4 students will be impacted by redistricting, it also will be challenging for preschoolers moving to elementary schools.

"This is a big deal for ECC students, teachers, and parents. It will be a major change for them," he said.

He said that because student enrollment data will be more accurate this fall, new boundary lines won't be drawn and shared with the public until September.

"This will help families whose children will be moving to another school to plan for the next several years, especially with child care," he said.

Lemanski said the target enrollment for each school is 324 students. He said it's likely that some families will have to switch from the town's two larger elementary schools to its two smaller schools.

"Clark and Granger have fewer students than Phelps or Robinson Park, so they probably will see students coming to their schools as a result of redistricting," he said.

Pre-K concerns

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Sheila Hoffman told the committee that there are a number of issues that need to be considered to accommodate preschoolers, from bathroom facilities to transportation, to playgrounds, to drop-off and dismissal procedures.

She said schools are working to identify classrooms for preschoolers and that many

existing bathrooms in each building may need some renovation. Classrooms at Robinson Park, Phelps, and Clark schools with existing bathrooms may need to be retrofitted for preschoolers this summer.

According to Lemanski and Hoffman, they do not foresee requiring an additional tier of busing for the elementary schools. However, many preschoolers are dropped off and picked up by families, so school carlines could become longer, especially if start and dismissal times for preschool students are the same as the existing bells for K-4 students.

Granger School, which hosts a few ECC overflow preschool classrooms, has staggered start and dismissal times for its pre-K and K-4 students. Hoffman said the committee will have to discuss whether to continue that practice or consolidate the bell schedule.

Playgrounds are another area where the difference in age and size between preschoolers and K-4 students will need to be addressed. Hoffman and Lemanski said an initial assessment done last fall determined that additional playscapes and equipment will be required.

"We will need to have age-appropriate equipment for preschoolers," said Hoffman. Lemanski said work to add playscapes will begin during the summer: "We want to do some work now rather than wait to do it all at once. That way it will be ready for September 2021."

Staffing is another concern. Lemanski said there have been talks with the Agawam Education Association, the teachers'

union, about procedures for transferring staff to new buildings. He said it's likely that there will be some shift of special needs staffing at the elementary schools.

ECC Director Robin Fernandes said she's been telling parents about the upcoming change for preschoolers. While the move means larger and much-needed spaces for preschoolers, she said some parents are concerned.

ECC teacher Melinda Conway and other committee members expressed caution about using the term "neighborhood schools" when referring to the restructuring and redistricting process. Conway said it would be "ideal" if preschoolers could go to neighborhood schools like K-4 students, but because there are so many variables, it might not always be possible.

Conway said there are "lots of moving pieces" that must be considered for preschoolers who need special services. She said many ECC parents are worried about what support services will be available.

Antonio Fazio, the interim director of special education, said he would like to see the same support services provided to special education students at all elementary schools. Currently, some services are only provided at certain schools.

"Keeping kids in their neighborhood schools and having the same services available at all schools" should be the goal, he said.

The steering committee's next meeting will be 4 p.m. Monday, March 16, in the Agawam Junior High School library. The meeting is open to the public.

Opinion

OUR VIEW

Cookies offer taste of work, responsibility to Girl Scouts

They're back! Those devilishly delicious delights in their rainbow-colored boxes have now been delivered to area girls. If a family member hasn't already tried you for sales, consider yourself warned: it's Girl Scout Cookie season. From the iconic Thin Mints to Do-si-dos, Tagalongs, Samoas and Trefoils, thousands of cookies have hit the streets for neighborhood distribution.

While many adults will start running and hiding from their daughters, friends, family members and co-workers, this annual tradition is for many young girls their first taste of responsibility and entrepreneurship. From hitting the ground and going door-to-door, calling their family members and getting creative with their individual troops, selling cookies does more than raise money for Girl Scouts. These cookie saleswomen learn necessary skills for their future, from dealing with rejection to marketing, which will pay dividends as they grow into college-seeking high school graduates and young professionals.

According to Dana Carnegie, community relations manager with the Girl Scouts, "57 percent of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the program was key in the development of their skills today."

The first known cookie sales of Girl Scouts took place in 1917, which Carnegie said happened in Muskogee, Okla., where scouts baked cookies in their homes and sold them. Now, this annual tradition occurs in communities across the nation, with consumers having an assortment of mass-produced confections to choose from.

Interestingly, while sales have taken place since 1917, it wasn't until 1937 that they spanned the nation, according to a timeline on girlscouts.org. And during World War II, in 1944 calendars were sold instead of cookies. These cookies have been sent to troops serving overseas, into outer space and have even helped fight for racial inclusion.

For those who do give in to temptation, proceeds from sales support various local causes. Cookie sales have helped purchase a bulletproof vest for a female police officer, care packages for a local children's cancer center, and numerous worthwhile endeavors. Nationwide, girls use their revenue to help fund beneficial projects for their individual troops and their home communities.

Additionally, girls of all levels are eligible to receive annual "Cookie Activity" pins for their efforts and upon displaying proficiency in skills ranging from money management to business planning, they are eligible for a badge.

While the cookies may be an added treat for the pantry and the money is an added bonus for Girl Scouts, the experience dishes out a taste of real world responsibility. Next time a smiling face asks you to purchase a box of cookies, remember your response teaches her a valuable life lesson, even if it's the courage to do it again.

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NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Letters to the Editor

DPW's snowplow mailbox replacement policy 'absurd'

In a recent AAN article, Agawam's DPW announced when the town will repair mailboxes damaged during street snow plowing ("DPW May Replace Mailboxes When Damaged by Snowplows," Dec. 12, page 4).

They claim that the town is responsible if the plow blade comes in contact with the mailbox, but not if the snow propelled by the plow damages the mailbox without the plow blade itself coming in contact with the box. How absurd.

Let's say that a homeowner has a private contractor plow his or her driveway, and a nearby shed is damaged during the plowing. Can you imagine the plow driver denying responsibility because his plow blade didn't directly come in contact with the shed, even though the damage was caused by the snow he or she plowed into the shed? What a preposterous claim that would be, and it probably wouldn't hold up in court, yet the town of Agawam, in its infinite wisdom, feels it has no responsibility if the snow pushed by the plow damages your mailbox, unless the plow blade makes contact with the mailbox.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Creighton Abrams counted the class of '23

For the last few years, some readers have tried to prove that we had no 1923 graduates from Agawam High School.



Walt Willard

Because there was a sentence in a town report saying that we had no seniors in the 1922-23 school year, then that meant no student received a diploma in June of 1923. These same readers even tried to convince us that although the town report listed 12th graders in the '22-23 year, that didn't mean that they were ready for a diploma because Agawam had a 13-grade system.

The 1922 report explains that good students only had to go to school for 12 years. Seriously, do you remember an old-timer complain that we had it made going only 12 years, but back in their day school was 13 years long?

We had two seventh-grade levels, and it was important for children from Canada and Italy.

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President's Address

Parents, Friends of the Class of '32:

We welcome you to the tenth Commencement exercises of Agawam High School. For us this is an occasion of conflicting emotions, sadness and joy: joy because we have now, successfully completed four years of high school work, joy, because will be placed in a new life, offering new opportunities, new possibilities; – sadness because we must leave Agawam High School and all that it has meant to us. The faculty and Mr. Williams have been our "Pathfinders"; we have followed where they have led. Mr. Phelps and the school committee have been the chief navigators; they have laid with discretion the course of this high school system. You, the townspeople, have been the sustenance of all. You created this entire system; you supported our every activity here at school. How can this be but a moment of joy as we realize your interest in us, and a moment of sadness that we have but mere words to express our gratitude?

Friends, every member of our class offers his sincere gratitude for what you have done and extends to you the heartiest of welcomes to these our class day exercises.

CREIGHTON ABRAMS

Our Back Pages

From yesteryear's editions of the Agawam Advertiser News, compiled by Michael Ballway.

A year ago: Vakny Chonmany began holding an after-school drop-in program at the Agawam Public Library on Jan. 22, 2019. The owner of Harnessing Muay Boran on Main Street showed stretching exercises and martial arts moves to the handful of students who showed up.

Five years ago: Family and friends gathered for a fundraiser dinner to benefit longtime town official Bill Euliano

on Jan. 22, 2015. Euliano was undergoing chemotherapy for two forms of cancer. He had been chairman of the Board of Health for 30 years.

Ten years ago: Meg and Dan Sullivan's charity raffle at the Captain Leonard House on Jan. 16, 2010, raised \$400 to benefit victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. The Sullivans auctioned a hand-restored Irish-style drum while fiddler Sarah Michel played a concert. Bethany Assembly of God and the local Salvation Army were also sponsoring earthquake relief efforts.

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Thursday, Jan. 23

REAL ESTATE SEMINAR at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, 1 p.m. Attendees of this free talk will learn "the smart way to buy or sell a home — and save thousands of dollars." Walk-ins are welcome. To reserve a seat, call Kristina at 413-821-0604.

Friday, Jan. 24

CHEFS FOR JIMMY at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, 6:30-9:30 p.m. For a \$100 admission, sample dishes from 30 of the Pioneer Valley's top restaurants. All proceeds benefit the Jimmy Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. More info: www.jimmyfund.org/events/cancer-fundraising-events/chefs-for-jimmy/.

BENEFIT ROCK CONCERT at American Legion Post 185, "The Tank," 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, 8 p.m. The band Rust will play the hits of the '50s through the '80s. All are welcome at no charge. There will be a raffle to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

Sunday, Jan. 26

PARISH PICNIC at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, dessert, raffles. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Free will offering. More info: Bill Testicinni, 413-205-7082, or Jack Capuccilli, 413-222-5999.

Monday, Feb. 3

HOCKEY BOOK SIGNING at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, 6 p.m. Bruce Landon, retired professional goalie and long-time part-owner of the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League, will sign copies of his memoir "The Puck Stops Here — My (Not So) Minor League Life." Proceeds from book sales benefit the Tammy Jacobson-Landon "I Can Hear You Now" Scholarship Fund at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

'EATING TO THRIVE' LECTURE at the YMCA of Greater Westfield, 67 Court St., Westfield, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Free. Andrea Luttrell, registered dietician and labor and delivery nurse, will share

Agawam Senior Center

The Senior Center at 954 Main St., Agawam, is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 413-821-0605. Lunch is served daily at 11:30 a.m. for a \$3 suggested donation; diners must register 24 hours in advance at 413-821-0604.

Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Day — Senior Center closed.
Tuesday, Jan. 21: Delicious meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, fresh pear.
Wednesday, Jan. 22: Hot open-faced turkey sandwich, cranberry sauce, gravy, mixed vegetables, pudding.
Thursday, Jan. 23: American chop suey, beet salad, sliced peaches.
Friday, Jan. 24: Chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, baked good.

Daily Events

Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Day — Senior Center closed.
Tuesday, Jan. 21: Weight training, 8:30 a.m.;

open knit, 9 a.m.; Zumba Gold (\$6), 10:15 a.m.; ladies-only billiards, noon; Senior Cinemas ("The Hustle"), 12:30 p.m.; mah jongg, 12:30 p.m.; Mexican train dominoes, 12:30 p.m.; canasta, 1 p.m.; writing group, 1:30 p.m.; yoga (\$6), 4:30 p.m.; beginner line dance, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22: Yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; gentle yoga (\$6), 9:45 a.m.; bereavement group, 10 a.m.; bridge, 12:30 p.m.; ballroom lesson (see staff), 1 p.m.; Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Agawam Media Club, 1:30 p.m.; Zumba Gold (\$6), 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23: Weight training, 8:30 a.m.; Quilting Club, 9 a.m.; New Member Group with Pat Drum, 9:30 a.m.; Wii Sports, 10:15 a.m.; reiki (\$10), 10:30 a.m.; bridge, 12:15 p.m.; Mexican train dominoes, 12:30 p.m.; open art, 1 p.m.; yoga (\$6), 4 p.m.; cancer support group, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24: Yin Yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; Let's Paint (\$10), 9:15 a.m.; tai chi (\$6), 10 a.m.; canasta, 1 p.m.; cornhole, 1 p.m.; cribbage, 1 p.m.; card games, 1 p.m.

ONGOING

NAMI CONNECTION, a free, peer-led support group for adults who are concerned about their mental health, meets Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., in the NAMI Western Massachusetts office at 324A Springfield St., Agawam. For more information, call 413-786-9139 or email information@namiwm.org.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS can help with eating problems. Meetings are held throughout Western Massachusetts, including regular meetings in Agawam. There are no dues, fees, weigh-ins or special foods to buy. All are welcome. For more information, call Springfield Answering Services at 413-783-4198 or Marcia at 703-415-6744, or visit www.oawmass.org.

THE TRADING POST consignment shop is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam. The Trading Post carries a variety of items, including clothes, shoes, handbags, jewelry, books, toys, household and gift items. Donations are welcomed during store hours.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email RosemarySandlin@rosemarysandlin@gmail.com.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers a free "Crochet Club" the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are invited to join, including men and

women and beginners to experienced crocheters. Drop-ins welcome. Hooks and yarn available if needed. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

THE WESTFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB's clubhouse is available for rentals for wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, graduation celebrations, and birthday and anniversary parties by the hour or the day. For more information, call Lilian at 413-568-2916.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

RSVP OF THE PIONEER VALLEY is in need of volunteers to drive seniors to get groceries, visit their doctor and fill prescriptions. If you have two hours weekly, a dependable vehicle and really want to make a difference, contact Pat Sicard, RSVP Volunteer Manager, at 413-387-4558, ext. 1, or psicard@hcg-ma.org.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, facilitated by The Atrium at Cardinal Drive through the Alzheimer's Association, meets the first Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam. All are welcome. To register, call 413-821-9911.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP for anyone who has lost a spouse. Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, the second Wednesday of the month, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP for anyone who has lost a child, parent, sibling, or dear relative or friend. Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, the second Wednesday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m.

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Back in the '50s, Nick DePalma entered third grade when he came here from Italy. Ralph, Nick's brother, entered fourth grade and John, the oldest, was put into "special seventh." This is what Nick told me. John later became the CEO of a very successful West Springfield businesses, so he didn't have any trouble learning. He needed an extra year to figure out English. Can you imagine John entering a regular seventh-grade English class, being taught all week in a different language than his own, and having a test on Friday where he had to write the answers in a language foreign to him?

It never seemed logical to me that our students, who would have been seniors at West Springfield High in 1922-23, would not have been given diplomas by Superintendent Benjamin Phelps in 1923. The fact that we did not call them seniors is assuredly true, but I believe they went to school here in town and were given diplomas.

Creighton Abrams, the most famous of our alumni, knew how to count to 10, and calling his '32 commencement the 10th one was undoubtedly checked by the faculty member who was the yearbook advisor.



Creighton Abrams

No doubt there will be a letter to the editor suggesting that Creighton Abrams had a learning disability and couldn't count backwards, or maybe some proof that we had two commencements in 1928. Do you think there will be a letter admitting that we must have had 1923 graduates? 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24. That's nine. But if you count the '23s, that makes 10, right?

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

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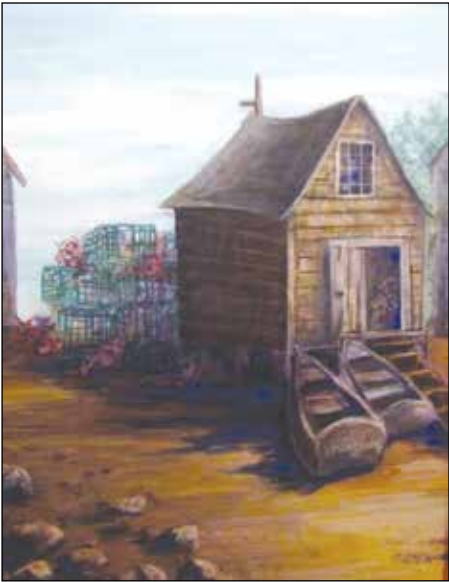
Loretta Medeiros

Editor's note: This is the second in a monthly series by the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans showcasing local artists.

As an artist, Loretta Medeiros paints orchestrating the use of colors concentrating on light, values and composition, creating with each brushstroke as she brings to life the painting on the canvas before her. She has a passion for plein air painting, producing anything from delicately rendered paintings to impressionistic style paintings from life, study and memory. Her still-life paintings are often nostalgic in nature.

Medeiros has provided numerous demonstrations and classes at various venues and teaches classes at Workshop 13 in Ware. In 2016, Medeiros was an award winner in the Academic Artists National Show. In 2017, she won the president's award at the annual Monson Art show, was accepted into the 2018 Blanche Ames National juried Art Exhibition and showcases her work at Artworks Gallery in Ware. Medeiros is a member of Academic Artists.

She works in a variety of media, including oil, pastel, watercolor, scratch board and acrylic. Medeiros attended the Boston Museum of Fine Arts on a scholarship while in high school, has taken courses at Southeastern Massachusetts University, the Worcester Art Museum, a workshop from Timothy Clark, a workshop from Arts



"Fish House, Monhegan Island," by Loretta Medeiros.

Pro-Temp, Linda Percoski, and a workshop in Russian impressionism from master painter Nancy Seamons-Crookston.

Medeiros will be one of the many Agawam Community Artists and Artisans attending the third annual Art Festival at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills on Saturday, Aug. 29.

For further information about this art, contact: Ceil Rossi at 413-207-1247 or to-carefree2@hotmail.com.



Loretta Medeiros at work. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



"Early Morning Mist" by Loretta Medeiros.

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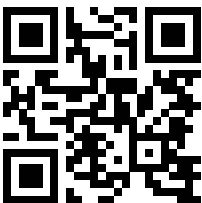
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Soup, sandwich lunch to benefit F.H. Grange

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Grange hall at 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills.

For a \$7 donation (\$3.50 for children under 12), diners will enjoy a homemade

soup, sandwich, dessert and choice of beverage. Reservations are suggested at 413-789-2061.

Proceeds of the luncheon will benefit Grange activities. In the event of inclement weather, the luncheon will be postponed to Feb. 22.

French meat pie supper is Saturday

Tickets are on sale now for the French meat pie dinner this weekend at Sacred Heart Church.

Diners may reserve a meal for \$10, dine-in or take-out. The dinner will be served 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, in the Parish Center at 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Because of the capacity of the hall, only 200 tickets will be sold. For more information or to buy tickets, contact Dan at 413-786-0489 or Fryam58@aol.com.

Blood drive at AHS set for Jan. 31

The Future Teachers of America at Agawam High School will host a blood drive with Baystate Health on Friday, Jan. 31.

The Baystate Health Bloodmobile will be at AHS collecting blood donations from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program at 413-794-4600.

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wam Mayor William Sapelli. “It was constant, I had to stay on top of all of it. I had to make call after call, after call, and gently nudge both MassDOT and the governor’s office to let them know that we’re still here.”

The bridge carries Route 147 over the Westfield River, connecting Memorial Avenue and River Street in West Springfield to Main, Springfield and Suffield streets in Agawam. The rebuilding project, which began in late 2018, was originally slated to last four years. Since mid-January 2019, the bridge has been reduced from two lanes each way to one lane each way, with turn restrictions on both ends. Workers have demolished the western (upstream) half of the bridge and are building a new one; when that work is completed, traffic will shift onto the new span, and the eastern (downstream) half of the old bridge will be taken down and replaced.

When the work is complete, the new Morgan-Sullivan Bridge will have five lanes, as well as a separate bike lane. The project also includes reconfiguring the intersec-

tions on either end of the bridge, and the Springfield Street-Walnut Street intersection nearby. The full cost of the project is being borne by the state government.

If Northern Construction meets the incentive target, the bridge and nearby streets will be fully open in time for the 2021 Eastern States Exposition. Sapelli said the limiting the construction project’s overlap with the Big E was a key reason for offering the early completion incentive.

Sapelli said another benefit of a shorter project will be lessening the impact on businesses in the Springfield Street-Walnut Street business area, and allowing for the redevelopment of vacant lots in that area.

“There is an immense amount of traffic there, and it’s our business district,” Sapelli said. “People aren’t going that way because of the amount of traffic that’s caused, and new businesses looking to open have to wait until the bridge is finished.”

To meet the accelerated schedule, the pace of construction will be doubled. Rather than working eight hours a day, five days a week, construction crews will also work nights and weekends. Additional workers will be hired, and overtime budgets will increase.



The state will offer \$1.5 million in incentives to have reconstruction work on the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge completed by August 2021, or 10 months ahead of schedule. PHOTO BY SHELBY MACRI

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 799 calls for service from Dec. 22 to Jan. 5, and 417 calls for service Jan. 6-12, and recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, Dec. 26
John L. Patrick, 45, of 174 Walnut St., 1st Floor, Agawam, was arrested at 6:17 p.m. on Springfield Street on two warrants.

Friday, Dec. 27
Meghan M. Beauchene, 36, of 36 Peterson Circle, Agawam, was arrested at 5:30 p.m. on Peterson Circle on two warrants.
Thomas B. Jacobs II, 37, of 67 High St., Agawam, was arrested at 8:51 p.m. on High Street on a warrant.

Saturday, Dec. 28
Francis E. Owczarski Jr., 55, of 23 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, was arrested at 10:36 p.m. on Main Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor, driving without a registration in possession, and a marked lanes violation.

Monday, Dec. 30
William Joseph Roy, 40, of 115 Greystone Ave., West Springfield, was arrested at 7:37 p.m. on Maple Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor, second offense; leaving the scene of property damage; and negligent driving.

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Korissa Lynn Przybycien, 26, of 16 Lancaster Drive, Agawam, was arrested at 6:20 p.m. on Suffield Street on two warrants and also charged with driving with a suspended license and making an improper turn.

Thursday, Jan. 2
Mark Anthony Delgado, 25, of 47 Stonina Drive, Chicopee, was arrested at 8:45 p.m. on Springfield Street on a warrant.

Friday, Jan. 3
Derek Williams, 46, of 29 Editha Ave., 1st Floor,

Agawam, was arrested at 3:44 a.m. on Editha Avenue and charged with possession of a class B drug, subsequent offense; driving under the influence of drugs; a marked lanes violation; and negligent driving.
Mark Todd Percoski, 47, of 50 West Road, Longmeadow, was arrested at 4:51 p.m. on Plantation Drive and charged with driving under the influence of liquor, second offense; driving with a license suspended for OUI; leaving the scene of personal injury; leaving the scene of property damage; refusing to produce license, registration or plates; a marked lanes violation; and negligent driving.

Sunday, Jan. 5
Wakiem M. Rivas, 23, of 196 Walnut St., Agawam, was arrested at 8:14 p.m. on Walnut Street on a warrant.

Tuesday, Jan. 7
Keith J. Henchey, 31, of 184 Walnut St., 1st Floor, Agawam, was arrested at 3:07 p.m. on Maple Street on a warrant.
Frances Maldonado, 32, of 34 Bellevue St., Wilimantic, Conn., was arrested at 9:22 p.m. on Suffield Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor, driving with an open container of alcohol, a marked lanes violation, and negligent driving.

Wednesday, Jan. 8
Robert J. Wheeler, 55, of 65 Talcott St., West Springfield, was arrested at 6:26 p.m. on Rowley Street on a warrant.

Thursday, Jan. 9
Matthew Ryan Lucier, 36, of 432 Cold Spring Ave., West Springfield, was arrested at 9:12 p.m. on North West Street on a warrant.
Juan G. Pinero, 30, of 29 Webster St., 3rd Floor, Springfield, was arrested at 10:46 p.m. on North West Street and charged with trespassing, possession of a burglarious instrument, receiving stolen property over \$1,200, possession of a large-capacity firearm, possession of a large-capacity firearm feeding device and possession of ammunition without a license.

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sary could have opened soon after the renovation work was done, selling marijuana products purchased from wholesalers.

State laws are different for medical marijuana dispensaries. As a medical-only provider, DMCTC will have to grow its own products. Hanmer said finding a cultivation location, then permitting and constructing the greenhouse, will take six to eight months.

“If [recreational] had happened, you can be up and operating much quicker. We’d be able to furnish the contents of the store by purchasing wholesale,” Hanmer said. “We are planning on moving forward with the

medical, it’s just going to take us a little longer to get that going.”

Hanmer estimated it will take about 18 months to locate and purchase a suitable location to grow, build the greenhouse, secure the necessary permits and approvals from the town the land is located in and the state Cannabis Control Commission, and plant and grow the first batch of marijuana.

“We’ve got a couple locations we’re looking at, but now our plan is going to be to purchase a piece of property and put up industrial greenhouses,” he said.

As for the building in Agawam, buildout there will begin around the time the marijuana is planted, since the construction work is projected to take about as long as

it takes for the plants to grow, about six months.

“We like the location. It’s Agawam, but it’s kind of not. We are going to move forward with that location as medical,” Hanmer said. “It will be built out as a medical dispensary. Obviously, we’re not going to start that process until probably we actually start a crop, because the timing of the maturation and the cultivation will be right around the time the buildout will be completed. Then we’ll have medical product to put on the shelves roughly about the same time. We’ve got to be cautious with our money.”

The Agawam building has secured all the necessary permits and approvals from the town and CCC. Hanmer said that the

CCC will conduct a site inspection after the construction work is complete, to confirm its approval of the layout and security measures.

The cultivation site will be a fresh application and will need to undergo the permitting process both at the state level and in whatever town hosts it. That includes designing a security plan and signing a host community agreement. Hanmer said DMCTC is currently looking at several potential sites, both in Agawam and in other communities.

“The process through the CCC can be a bit arduous,” Hanmer said. “At the same time, it’s because their doing their best job to protect the consumers, which I applaud them for.”



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SPORTS

WRESTLING

Grapplers prevail at Lawless tourney

After a season on the road, the Brownies finally return home next week

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Rebuilding a team is not an easy task, but Agawam High School wrestling is doing that after several years of “in-between” results and a few individual champions.

As a team, Agawam won its first tournament in a few years, capturing the Lawless Invitational held in Canton, Conn. last weekend.

Agawam also crowned three individual champions at the event, with heavyweight Antonio Ramos leading the pack.

Tom Carcciolo won the 170-pound weight class and David Baranov took the 195 pound weight class.

Agawam also had two third place finishers in Myles Pires and Jaron Luke, and three others took fourth place, including newcomer Nicholas Ugolini at 106 pounds.

It took two periods, but Ramos

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HOCKEY

Agawam rallies for season’s 2nd victory

WEST SPRINGFIELD – It was just their second win of the season, but a big one for Agawam High School hockey. The struggling Brownies edged Chicopee Comprehensive 3-2 last Thursday night. Agawam trailed 1-0 early and came back to take the win. Agawam faced Comp earlier this season in the consolation game of the Winter Classic and tied Comp 3-3. Agawam is 2-4-2 this season.



Mitch Drewnowski struggles against the board to take possession.



Mike Beaudry emerges out of the defensive zone with the puck.



Dylan Sliech throws out a stick to stop the progress of an opponent. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Kannon Grover shoots in the middle of traffic.



Kaden Grover takes the faceoff for the Brownies.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brownies’ struggles continue with 5-game losing streak



Jessica D'Amours take a shot. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

CHICOPEE – In Tim Murphy’s first year as coach for Agawam, the Brownies made the playoffs. The sophomore season is not going as well for the Agawam coach as he finds his team just 3-7 at the halfway point of the season. Last Monday night, the Brownies lost their third game in a row



Ainsley Stevens charges toward the paint for Agawam in their loss to Chicopee last week.

50-38 at Chicopee High School. Agawam held a three-point lead at halftime, but struggled after the break. Jessica D'Amours would score 18 to lead the Brownies. Agawam would lose five-straight before finally breaking the streak earlier this week with a win over Belchertown.



Brie Benjamin reaches up to get a rebound.



Izzy Lalancette goes for a layup.

Sports

The Week Ahead

Boys Basketball		
Friday, Jan. 17	Home	Holyoke 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22	Away	Sabis 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Thursday, Jan. 16	Away	South Hadley 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 20	Home	East Longmeadow 7 p.m.
Ice Hockey		
Thursday, Jan. 16	Home	Longmeadow 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18	Away	West Springfield 5:20 p.m.
Indoor Track		
Friday, Jan. 17	Away	Chicopee 3:45 p.m.
Swimming		
Friday, Jan. 17	Home	Northampton 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Home	Minnechaug 4 p.m.
Wrestling		
Thursday, Jan. 23	Home	Mahar 7 p.m.

Winless boys basketball finally returns home

It's been a struggle for Agawam High School basketball, which has yet to play a game at home due to a new bleacher project that was delayed months because of issues with the contractor awarded the bid. The result has been a full road slate for Agawam the first five weeks of the season, and Agawam boys basketball has yet to win a game this season, losing its most recent contests last week to open the 2020 portion of its schedule. The offense has continued to struggle, and it received no favors from Putnam, a perennial Western Mass. title contender in Division 1.

The Beavers defeated Agawam 67-39 last Friday night, with Zach Moccio leading the way with 15 points. Dylan Wesley scored seven points, and the rest of Agawam's offense struggled to find the hoop in the game. The offense was a bit more successful against Sci-Tech, but lost 86-64 last Tuesday evening. In that matchup, Moccio had 16 points to lead the team, with Matt Berthiaume scoring 13 points and Max Blanton adding 10 points. Agawam is finally set to play at home for the first time on Thursday night, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. against Westfield High School.

HoopHall set to showcase many teams

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame confirmed today the schedule for the 2020 Spalding Hoophall Classic presented by Eastbay. The event is an annual basketball showcase now in its nineteenth year at Springfield College, the birthplace of basketball. Games will be played Jan. 16-20, 2020 at Blake Arena on the campus of Springfield College. Yesterday, it was announced via @hoophall social media, the Saturday session has officially sold out. A limited number of tickets

remain available for all other sessions at this time. The event will feature 30 games in five days, showcasing local boys and girls on Thursday and Friday respectively. MLK Weekend will be headlined by 15 nationally ranked programs in the FAB 50 National Team Rankings Powered by Ballislife.com, including five of the top 10: #1 Montverde Academy (Fla.), #3 Oak Hill Academy (Va.), #6 Sunrise Christian Academy (Kan.), #8 IMG Academy (Fla.), and #9 DeMatha Catholic High School (Md.).

Additional high-profile teams featuring ESPN Top 10 ranked players include Rancho Christian (Calif.), Prolific Prep (Calif.), Sierra Canyon (Calif.), and Brewster Academy (N.H.). ESPN will carry 13 premier matchups across ESPN, ESPNU and ESPN3. No. 1 Montverde Academy (Fla.) vs. No. 8 IMG Academy (Fla.) will be televised on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. A complete schedule, including games accessible via FloSports, is available below.

Thunderbirds fall on road against P-Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (21-18-2-0) battled back to within one goal twice, but could not get back from early hole, falling by a final score of 5-3 against the Providence Bruins (22-15-1-2) on Sunday inside the Dunkin' Donuts Center. For a second straight evening, the Bruins would jump to the lead quickly. Providence began its afternoon with a sturdy kill of a Springfield power play in the opening minutes, and just 23 seconds later, at the 2:52 mark, Brendan Woods cashed in on a one-time feed from Karson Kuhlman in the right circle to make it a 1-0 Bruins lead. Providence dominated the first period from a shot perspective, outnumbering the T-Birds 16-4 on the shot board in the opening 20 minutes. Despite 14 saves from Philippe Desrosiers, the Bruins would find another tally on a power play late in the period. Moments after a 4-on-3 power play concluded, but with 5-on-4 action continuing, Brendan Gaunce fired a high shot that ricocheted off

Desrosiers and down to the feet of Peter Cehlarik, who chipped the loose puck into the top shelf at 16:58 to extend the lead to 2-0. It appeared that the T-Birds would be able to cut the lead in half in the opening minute of the second period with Henrik Borgstrom alone in front of the net, but Max Lagace somehow lifted his right leg despite being down on the ice to turn away the Springfield centerman. 15 minutes came and went with the 2-0 score going unchanged, but Owen Tippett would finally get the T-Birds back within a single tally as he curled the puck and ripped a wrister to the top of the net past Lagace at the 15:08 mark to make it a 2-1 game. The one-goal deficit would not last long, though, as Paul Carey pulled a puck off the right-wing corner boards and fired a shot from the right circle that tipped off Kuhlman and past Desrosiers to make it a 3-1 game into the second intermission. Springfield would have another early power play chance in the third, but before they could strike, Anton

Blidh drew a penalty shot and then beat Desrosiers at the 2:09 mark to make it 4-1. Ethan Prow would respond at 3:02 with a wrister from the right side to give the T-Birds their second power play goal to cut the lead back to 4-2. Ryan Haggerty made things even a little more interesting at 13:30, taking advantage of a fanned shot by Thomas Schemitsch at the right side of the net to shuffle it past Lagace to get Springfield back to within one goal again at 4-3. Only 29 seconds would pass, however, before the Bruins would again respond in a hurry. Woods completed the scoring on a 2-on-1 rush, cashing in on his own rebound past Desrosiers to give Providence the 5-3 victory. Desrosiers stopped 38 of 43 in defeat, while Lagace stopped 21 of 24 to improve to 2-0-1 against the Thunderbirds this season. The Thunderbirds continue a road swing on Friday night as they visit the Syracuse Crunch for a 7 p.m. puck drop.

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was a pinfall winner over Abraham Rodriguez of Derby, Conn. Ramos scored the pin about halfway through the second period to win the 285-pound weight class, which only included eight grapplers. Baranov picked up three wins to win 195 pounds, taking down Kolby Maney of Stafford with a first period pinfall. Caracciolo won the 170-pound weight class when he defeated Austin Kilduff of

host Canton. He won a pinfall early in the third period of the match. Caracciolo had three wins on the day, the first two were first-period pinfalls. Agawam, as a team, topped a field of 16 teams. The Brownies were the only team from Massachusetts participating in the tournament, and took on a vast number of teams from Connecticut. Agawam scored 145.5 points thanks to three firsts, two thirds, and three fourths. The next closest team was host Canton with 123.5 points. Brookfield, Conn. was third with 119

points. Other teams from Connecticut participating included Farmington, Stafford, Nonnewaug, and South Windsor, none of those teams Agawam is regularly familiar with. Enfield and Granby Memorial have come to Massachusetts in the past to participate in Agawam's Phil Tomkiel Holiday Tournament, which was cancelled due to poor weather last month. In the consolation round, Pires scored a very close decision over Mark Freedenburg of Canton 9-7. In the 145-pound consolation match, Luke was a winner by pinfall

midway through the first round. With the big win, Agawam headed to Chicopee Comprehensive High School earlier this week to take on the co-op team of Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive. This weekend, the Brownies make their annual trip to a tournament in Woburn, and then finally host a meet at home for the first time this season next Thursday. With the new bleachers in the Agawam High School gymnasium completed, Agawam will host Mahar on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.



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EDUCATION

We try to be inside our public schools on a weekly basis, both in terms of sports coverage and classroom features. Our education and sports sections run 52 weeks per year. We feel school coverage is probably the single largest reflection of the communities we serve, so this paper is committed to having a strong presence there. We devote more staff and space to these sections than any other editorial realm. We do print free courtesy stories, briefs and photos submitted by teachers, sports teams and students, as we cannot possibly be at every event. If you have a photo you want to run, please include a photo caption identifying those in the image from left to right and a description of the event. Please call or e-mail the editor directly with your school event coverage requests at least three days in advance. If we can't attend, you are always encouraged to send in your own write-up and photos.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

OPINION

We love letters to the editor and guest columns. It is what the soul of this newspaper is all about. However, we don't print what we can't prove. All letters and columns must be signed and confirmed by us prior to publication. If you are alleging things that we cannot prove, we will consider that a news tip and look into it. We always encourage readers to celebrate their communities versus just slamming them. We also pen a weekly “editorial.” Some readers confuse editorials with being objective “news.” Our unsigned editorials are opinions formed after doing the research, or com-

plied through our reporters' stories and other means. We then write opinions, which do take a definitive side on issues. Editorials are not meant to be balanced to both sides like our news stories should. They are intended to opine around the facts and take a position. That's the whole point of the “opinion” page.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a “people news” form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content.

SPORTS

Our sports editor and his reporters and photographers cover select varsity school games weekly as well as youth and adult sports leagues. Our team tries to be fair and spread the coverage around to all the teams, but as playoffs approach, teams making the playoffs take more precedence. We have tried hard this year to expand our coverage of youth sports, but we need coaches and players to send in their photos and write-ups.



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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

Jeter, Wendy Cone
Died Dec. 14, 2019
Celebration of life Jan. 18, 2020
Club One Complex

Scoville, Clarice E. (Farrin)
Died Dec. 25, 2019
Memorial service April 25, 2020
Agawam Congregational Church

Waniewski, Clara K. (Midura)
Died Jan. 5, 2020
Funeral Jan. 11, 2020
Sacred Heart Church

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OBITUARY POLICY

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Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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Wendy Cone Jeter, 54



Wendy passed away on Dec. 14, 2019, at the age of 54. She was born in Hartford, Conn., and grew up in Agawam.

She is survived by her two children, Joshua and Danielle Jeter; the love of her life, Kenneth Riker of Florida; her cherished parents Arnold and Linda Cone of Agawam; her sister Jo-Ann McGuire and husband Mike of Florida; her two brothers Skip Cone and wife Tami of Agawam, and Andy Cone and Kellie of Westfield; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Wendy graduated from Agawam High School in 1984, where she played clarinet with the Agawam Band and participated in color guard. Anyone who knew Wendy knew she was a social butterfly as she loved to interact with so many people and animals. Wendy moved to Florida in 1989, where she raised her children and met the love of her life, Kenny. Wendy was an office manager and always loved fishing and boating. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Family and friends may share their memories of her at a Celebration of Life to be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Club One Complex, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

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Clarice Scoville, 88



Clarice E. (Farrin) Scoville, 88, died peacefully Christmas morning, surrounded by her loving family.

Clarice was born in Damariscotta, Maine, daughter of the late Charles and Louise (Alley) Farrin, educated in South Bristol, Maine, and moved to Agawam in 1955.

She was the financial supervisor for 22 years at Riverside Park until her retirement in 1988. Prior to Riverside she worked at the former Zayre Department Store. A longtime member of the Agawam Congregational Church and its Women's Guild, she was also a member of the Golden Agers Chapter 2, Eastern Star Golden Chapter, the Pheasant Hill Social Club, AARP and the VFW Post 832 in Portland, Maine.

She leaves three children; Gerald Scoville (Peggy), Robert Scoville (Beverly) and Lorraine Dowd (Patrick); her siblings Terrence Farrin, Hilda Wing, Lorraine Cavallaro and Jane Caston; two grandsons, Ryan and Shawn Dowd; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Clarice was predeceased by two brothers, Charles and James, and her longtime companion John Trudeau.

The family would like to thank the staff of Heritage Hall South A Wing for their loving care and compassion of Clarice. A memorial service will be held at Agawam Congregational Church Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m. The Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home is handling all arrangements. For more details, visit curranjones.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Agawam Congregational Church or the Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 2.

Clara Waniewski, 92



Clara Kathleen (Midura) Waniewski, 92, of Feeding Hills, passed peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Jan. 5.

Clara was born in Chicopee, the daughter of the late Stanley and Bertha Midura. Clara graduated from Chicopee High School, class of 1944, married her husband Henry in 1947 and moved to Feeding Hills.

Clara retired in 1985 after 20 years of service as postal clerk at the Feeding Hills Post Office. After her retirement, Clara joined her husband, Henry in the family business Waniewski Farms, where she remained active for many years to follow.

Her husband Henry died in 2011 at the age of 88. They were married for 62 years at the time of his passing. Clara leaves her son Henry Paul Waniewski in Feeding Hills, daughter, Karen White her husband Gerald of Yarmouth Port, two cherished granddaughters, Vanessa and Casey White whom she enjoyed so much. Cioci Clara also leaves many nieces and nephews who will always remember her.

Clara leaves her sole surviving sister, Eleanor Kozikowski of West Springfield. She was predeceased by her four brothers, Bernard, Ernest, Alfred and Thaddeus Midura, and her three sisters, Stella Czelusniak, Irene Zajchowski-Pudlo, and Josephine Filipowicz.

A funeral service was held for Clara on Jan. 11 in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, followed by burial at Springfield Street Cemetery. Arrangements were by Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, Agawam. For more information, visit forastiere.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Public Notices

**LEGAL AD
AGAWAM
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM**, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Kuzmenko for work to be performed at 61 Valley Street subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski,
Chairman
Agawam Conservation
Commission

1/16/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
AGAWAM CITY
COUNCIL**

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Auditorium at

the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of **Anna Chuduk** for a zone change request for **266 Walnut Street, Agawam, MA., Parcel ID# J15-2-4** from Business A to Industrial A. A copy of the proposed zone change (ZC-2020-1) can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson
City Council President

1/16, 1/23/2020

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/31/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 03, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

1/16/2020

**COMMONWEALTH OF
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HD19E0058PP**

To Peter J. McLaughlin of Westfield, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Mark S. McLaughlin of Russell, in the County of Hampden, representing that they hold as joint tenants an undivided part or share of land lying in Agawam, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that he desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$177,500.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according

to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventh day of February, 2020**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this nineteenth day of December, 2019.

Suzanne T. Seguin,
Register of Probate
& Family Court

1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
AGAWAM
CITY COUNCIL**

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of **Verteramo Real Estate, LLC.** for a zone change request for **Rear Meadow Street Parcel ID#L12-4-21, Agawam, MA.** from RA-2, Agricultural and Industrial to Business A. A copy of the proposed zone change (ZC-2020-2) can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

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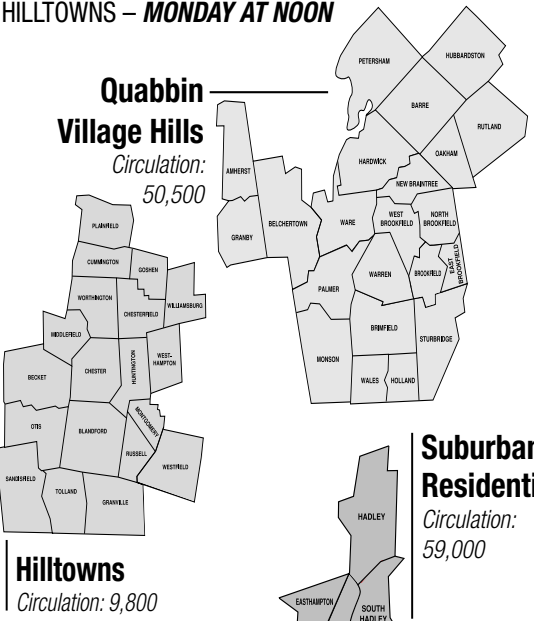
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